

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 14, line 24, with the following replacement paragraph:

--In other words, the fluid pressure in the supply chamber 44 is maintained [[greater]] less than the sum of the fluid pressure in the recirculation passageway 34 (and, hence, in supply channel 20) and the cracking pressure during the characteristic closing time required for the dispensing module 14 to cycle from the open condition to the closed condition. As the valve element 54 approaches and contacts the valve seat 48, the fluid pressure builds in the supply and recirculation chambers 44, 46 until the fluid pressure of liquid in the recirculation outlet 58 exceeds the sum of the fluid pressure of liquid in the recirculation passageway 34 and the cracking pressure. Check valve 80 opens only after valve element 54 contacts the valve seat 48. In effect, liquid flow is prevented from the recirculation passageway 34 into the recirculation outlet 58 during the characteristic closing time.--